

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1499
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2002
INDIANS LANGUISHING IN GUATEMALA GODOWN
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Indians have been imprisoned in Guatemala Godown as reported in the Dainik Jagaran dated January 20, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government to secure their release?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a), (b) & (c) According to information available with the Government, 25 individuals claiming to be Indian nationals were detained by the Guatemalan authorities in January, 2002 for not possessing proper travel documents. These individuals are reported to have since been released.